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**Cc:** StClair, Christie[StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Williams, Laura[williams.laura@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Deitz, Randy[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov]; Smith, Paula[Smith.Paula@epa.gov]  
**From:** Card, Joan  
**Sent:** Wed 10/14/2015 9:49:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Associated Press (DDL 11am Eastern tomorrow): Upper Animas watershed evaluation

I think this needs discussion at GKM LT in the morning.

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Sent from my EPA iPhone

On Oct 14, 2015, at 3:47 PM, Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

Am I clear to notify congressionals now then?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca  
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**Subject:** Re: Associated Press (DDL 11am Eastern tomorrow): Upper Animas watershed evaluation

Rebecca, we aren't doing a press release. I just sent this info to the Denver Post and AP reporters who asked.

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 5:32 PM, "Russo, Rebecca" <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

I couldn't agree more. When the press release is final, can we get a heads up to notify congressionals?

Thanks.

Rebecca

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 2:54 PM

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**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Bassler, Rachel; Cohen, Nancy; Levine, Carolyn

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Again, I think it important that congressional and state and local officials be notified

that our portable treatment plant will soon be up and running rather than these officials read about it in an AP article. Thank you.

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**From:** StClair, Christie

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:42 PM

**To:** Ostrander, David; McGrath, Shaun; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura

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**Subject:** Associated Press (DDL 11am Eastern tomorrow): Upper Animas watershed evaluation

All,

Dan Elliott from AP is planning to do a story tomorrow morning saying the temporary plant is about to start up, and looking at possible longer-term solutions.

He says that when he asked CDPHE about "convening a conversation on long-term mitigation strategies," they seemed to know little about it.

He also mentioned our Sept. 23 response to one of his questions: "This system is temporary. Long term treatment will need to be decided after a more detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the Upper Animas watershed." He's asking if EPA is currently conducting a detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the area, or plans to conduct such an evaluation.

Can you help me develop a response? His deadline is 11am Eastern tomorrow, but can add

info into the story after that if necessary. Please loop in as needed.

Thanks,

Christie

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